for constructing a big market. We have been improving and adding to the same. So that in the answer you will find that in 1098 we spent Rs. 2,600 and odd, in 1099 Rs. 760 and odd, in 1100 Rs. 210 and odd, in 1101 Rs. 1,000 and odd and in 1102 Rs. 903 and odd. All these sums were spent on improvements and additions to the market. And I am not aware of any other sum being spent on the improvement of the town.

President.—Did the Panchayat spend any amount for the improvement of the Irinjalakkuda Town?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Year before last, the Kuttankulam in the Irinjalakkuda Town was cleaned by the Public Works Department.

President.—Then, I think, the Panchayat is trying to capture all apes by bribes.

Dr. A. R. Puduval's application for leave.

170. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

(a) whether Dr. Puduval's application for study leave has now been disposed of; if so, in what manner;

(b) if the leave has been granted, what arrangements have been made to fill the Civil Surgeon's place in the General Hospital?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) The matter is still under correspondence.

(b) Vide answer to (a).

Tenders for the supply of medicine.

171. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

(a) whether tenders for the supply of medicine have been called for this year for supply in 1104; if so, how many firms have put in their tenders, what are their names and standing;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state if any departure in the system of dealing with suppliers of articles for the Hospitals have been made or recommended to be made; if so, what?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) No.

(b) There are suppliers of the articles of diet, medicine, bedding and clothing, furniture, etc. It is not understood who is meant and what is implied by the expression 'dealing with suppliers of articles'.

Leper Asylum.

172. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform :—

(a) how many years have now lapsed since the completion of the Leper Asylum buildings at Anappara;

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